

**LARA Board Meeting, May 10, 2017 @ 6:00 pm**  
**Lowell City Hall**

**Attendance-**Al Halbeisen, Betsy Davidson, Gary Goff, Alan Teelander, Mark Anderson, Heather Hoffman **Guests:** Ron Gunderson, Mark Fritzma, Robert Brown, Don Renell, Frank Holwerda

**Minutes-**April 12 minutes supported by Halbeisen, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Teelander, motion carried

**Gee Drive Extension-**Dave Austin presented the current issues concerning the trail extension from Gee Drive to the Meijer corner. The critical issue is the matter of Easement/Maintenance/Liability. The easement defines who owns the trail, who maintains the trail, and what the liability of the property owner is. This needs to be addressed by LARA and the city of Lowell. The following items need to be met for the successful completion of this trail extension:

1. Determine who will issue the easements: LARA or City of Lowell
2. Finalize easement language concerning ownership, maintenance and liability. Update city ordinance if necessary.
3. Obtain easement signatures
4. Finalize design
5. Get Kent County Commission Permit
6. Seek project bids and award contract
7. Construct extension trail

**Public Comments:** Michigan Senate Bill 118 has passed, ensuring rail banking of future rail trails. The DNR will take ownership of the newly obtained Elmdale spur and section of rail trail from Montcalm Ave. to Jackson St.

**Adjourn:** 6:37 p.m.

Gary Goff, LARA Secretary